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| <ol> <li>The Notice of Appeal was filed on A brief in comp filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any exter Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed with AMENDMENTS</li> </ol>   | nsion thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to   | avoid dismissal of the  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, b  (a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further cor  (b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below  (c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better  | nsideration and/or search (see NOT<br>w);   | ΓE below);  |  |  |  |  |  |
| appeal; and/or  (d) They present additional claims without canceling a converse NOTE: See Continuation Sheet. (See 37 CFR 1.1)   | corresponding number of finally reje  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).  5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s):   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be all non-allowable claim(s).   |   | imely filed amendmer  | t canceling the                          |  |  |  |  |
| 7. For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) [ how the new or amended claims would be rejected is prov The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows: Claim(s) allowed: Claim(s) objected to: Claim(s) rejected: Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:  AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE   |   | l be entered and an e:  | xplanation of                            |  |  |  |  |
| <ol> <li>The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but<br/>because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and<br/>was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).</li> </ol>  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| <ol> <li>The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing<br/>entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to o<br/>showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary</li> </ol>   | vercome <u>all</u> rejections under appea<br>and was not earlier presented. Se  | al and/or appellant fails<br>see 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1)                       | s to provide a                           |  |  |  |  |
| 10.  | n of the status of the claims after er  | ntry is below or attach   | ed.                                      |  |  |  |  |
| 11. The request for reconsideration has been considered but  | does NOT place the application in   | condition for allowan   | ce because:                              |  |  |  |  |
| <ul><li>12. ☐ Note the attached Information <i>Disclosure Statement</i>(s). (</li><li>13. ☐ Other:</li></ul>   | PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | /Mariceli Santiago/<br>Primary Examiner, Art U  | nit 2879  |  |  |  |  |  |

Continuation of 3. NOTE: The new limitation of "directly applied to" as incorporated to all independent claims requires further consideration and search. .